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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR DRIVING RECORDING HEAD, RECORDING HEAD AND
INK JET PRINTER

Examiner: L. Nguyen

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

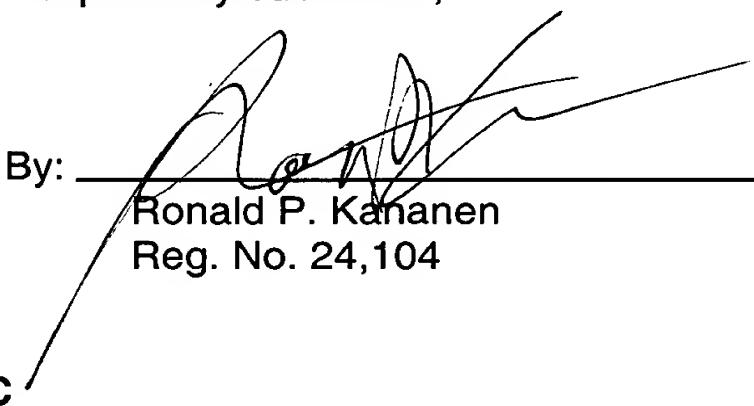
In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated March 17, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect Group II, claims 16, 17, 25, 26, 34 and 35 and Species II, Figures 22, 24 and 26 with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search or the subject matter of any one group of claims would necessarily encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP 803 which is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims that are distinct or independent inventions" (emphasis added).

It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply to the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and the duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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